6.2.2. How to avoid plagiarism?

Referencing correctly is important in order to avoid plagiarism or academic dishonesty, using quotation marks if it is an exact citation and always indicating the source both in the citation and in the paraphrase. Avoid "inventing" citations, i.e. quoting authors who have not been read, or attributing ideas or conclusions to authors they do not actually belong to.

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